U.P. THERMAL	10752	69425	68788	69149	63775
U.P. NUCLEAR	440	3332	3595	3041	2480
U.P. HYDRO	557	2145	1555	2242	1111
U.P. TOTAL GENERATION	**11749**	**74902**	**73938**	**74432**	**67366**

(b) During the period April 04'-February 05' the power supply position in the State of Uttar Pradesh was as under:

	Energy (MU)
	April, 04-Feb, 05
Requirement	47690
Availability	37850
Deficit	9840
% Deficit	20.6

	Peak power (MW)
	April,04-Feb,05
Peak Demand	7877
Peak Met	6268
Deficit	1609
% Deficit	20.4

Slow pace of Rural Electrification in UP

881. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of electrified villages in the country, as on date, funds allocated by Government during the last three years and spent by the States, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages which are to be electrified during 2005-06, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that Uttar Pradesh is legging behind in terms of rural electrification in comparison to other States;

(d) if so, the details thereof specially in the context of Eastern UP with special reference to Azamgarh, Mau, Sultanpur, Jaunpur and Akbarpur; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to boost rural electrification in UP in general and in above districts in particular?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendments in Electricity ACT, 2003

882. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present 92 percent of the generation capacity in India is owned by State and Central Government and most of it is contracted through long term power purchase agreements for 15 to 30 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these long term contracts will prevent any short term transition to a competitive market based on power pools;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under these conditions some provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 require a relook; and

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to make amendments in the Electricity Act, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The State and Central Government owned generation capacity is presently 89.37% of the total installed generation capacity. The generating capacity from all the Central Government owned stations is allocated to State Power Utilities on a firm basis through long-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPA).

Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 already provides that the Appropriate Commission shall adopt the tariff if such tariff has been determined through transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government. Central Government has issued the guidelines for competitive bidding for determination of tariff for procurement of power by distribution licensees.

The creation of a competitive market based on power pools is not envisaged.